



Rugby was established at the University of Florida over 50 years ago as an opportunity for young men and women to play the most exhilarating sport in the world. Rugby provided so many of us with lifelong friendships and memories, as well as the opportunity to learn the disciplines of hard work, teamwork, and commitment. What other contact sport has an international tradition of kinship among those who have played the game?

### **University of Florida Rugby Alumni Association**

One key to a successful college rugby program is alumni involvement and support. In 2019, the University of Florida Rugby Alumni Association (UFRAA) was established as a Florida not-for-profit corporation. Membership in the UFRAA is open to all alumni, players, coaches, parents, and supporters, and provides support to both the men's and women's rugby teams. Prior to the formation of the UFRAA, the current leadership planned and executed the 50th Anniversary celebration and established the Florida Rugby Hall of Fame. Since its founding, the UFRAA has provided guidance and financial support to help meet the teams' immediate needs, including assistance with rugby union dues, team jerseys, and referee training. In addition, the UFRAA has provided alumni and supporters with regular team updates and opportunities to support and be involved with rugby at UF.

### **Sustaining and Developing Florida Rugby for the Future**

As part of its mission to support UF Rugby, the UFRAA felt called to establish the Florida Rugby Endowment to provide a permanent and consistent source of financial support to both the men's and women's rugby teams. As rugby grows in popularity and the cost of fielding college rugby teams increases, the endowment will help ensure our beloved sport at UF will continue to thrive and that our student athletes will have the resources needed to compete far into the future.

### **Why Do We Need An Endowment?**

The combination of inconsistent financial support from the university, the financial demands placed on modern college rugby programs, and the growth of college rugby in the United States have presented a challenge to the sustainability and future development of rugby at UF. The rugby teams cannot address these challenges alone. As a consequence, we need to do more than occasionally help the teams maintain the status quo; we need to build a permanent and stable source of support for now and the future.

### **Your Legacy, UF Rugby's Future**

In 2021, the UFRAA partnered with The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (TCF) ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)) to establish the Florida Rugby Endowment. Founded in 1964, TCF has over a half billion dollars in total assets and has distributed over 600 million dollars to support Northeast Florida since inception. As an endowed fund of TCF, the Florida Rugby Endowment provides an annual income of approximately 4% of the fund's value for our rugby teams at UF. Through the UFRAA, this income will supplement university funding, and as the endowment grows, so does the amount of annual income available to support UF Rugby.

The endowment is your opportunity to make a positive and everlasting impact on UF Rugby. Making a donation, no matter the size, will help meet the goal of a sustainable UF Rugby program. Please join us in making a donation to the Florida Rugby Endowment!

Go Gators!

[www.UFRAA.com/endowment](http://www.UFRAA.com/endowment)

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The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida  
245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 310  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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